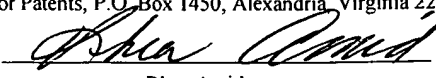


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	8.	International Search Report for PCT/CN02/00857, mailed on May 15, 2003, 3 pages

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